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SUBJ: USG/UIA REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT

REF: A) STATE 1066 B) GENEVA 9523

1. PER REQUEST REF A FOLLOWING ARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNTS UNDER SUBJECT AGREEMENT AS EXAMINED IN REF B.

2. A. PROGRAM I-ENROUTE CARE \$500,00 (NO CHANGE).

B. PROGRAM IA-TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING OF REFUGEES BELONGINGS-AS DISCUSSED IN REF B, ENTIRE PROGRAM SHOULD BE DELETED.

C. PROGRAM V-APARTMENTS-ENTIRE PROGRAM SHOULD BE DELETED FOR 1976 FOR REASONS OUTLINED REF B. ADDITIONALLY, IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT ABOUT 3,000 NON-GRANT APARTMENTS ARE VACANT. WHILE SOME OF THESE MAY NOT BE IN THE MOST DESIRABLE LOCATIONS, JAI SHOULD FIRST COME UP WITH PLANS TO FILL OR DISPOSE OF THESE BEFORE BUILDING MORE WITH US GRANT FUNDS.

D. PROGRAM V(A)-RENTALS-RECOMMEND REDUCTION OF GRANT TO \$2 MILLION. ALTHOUGH JAI AND UIA BELIEVE THAT THE ORIGINAL REQUEST SHOULD BE INCREASED, THE REDUCTION OF ONE-THIRD CAN BE JUSTIFIED IN A YEAR OF AUSTERITY ON THE BASIS OF THE AVAILABLE NON-GRANT APARTMENTS MENTIONED IN C ABOVE.

E. PROGRAM VI-UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS-RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF FULL \$1,800,000.

F. PROGRAM VII-TRAINING-ALTHOUGH THIS PROGRAM IS UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSIDERED MOST EFFECTIVE, RECOMMEND THAT REQUIREMENT BE

REDUCED BY \$500,000 TO BRING TO 1975 LEVEL OF \$2 MILLION.

G. PROGRAMIX-MAINTENANCE AT ABSORPTION CENTERS-
REDUCE TO \$7 MILLION. THIS SLIGHT REDUCTION IS RECOMMENDED
ONLY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF FUNDS FOR FULL SUPPORT.

H. PROGRAM X-ABSORPTION OF ACADEMICIANS-REDUCE TO
\$1 MILLION. AS THE RECENT INFLUX HAS BEEN FROM RURAL AREAS,
IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE LESS ACADEMICIANS WHO
ARE IN NEED OF THIS SPECIAL SUPPORT. IN A TIME OF AUSTERITY,
JAI MAY HAVE TO FIND OTHER MEANS TO EMPLOY SUCH PERSONS.

I. PROGRAM XI-YOUTH ALIYA-THE PROGRAM IS
UNDOUBTEDLY WORTHY OF SUPPORT BUT RECOMMEND A REDUCTION
OF \$250,000 (TO \$1.75 MILLION) TO HOLD AT LAST YEAR'S LEVEL.

J. PROGRAM XII-FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED-
RECOMMEND DELETION OF PROGRAM AS STATED IN REF B.

K. PROGRAM XIII-OLD AGE HOMES-COMMENT ON THIS
PROGRAM INADVENTENTLY OMITTED FROM REF B. THIS PROJECT
IS A T THE MOEMETN IN DEEP DIFFICULTIES. JAI CANNOT OBTAIN
TITLE TO THE LAND ON WHICH IT WOULD LIKE TO BUILD THE ADDITIONAL
FACILITIES AND THERE ARE TITLE QUESTIONS EVEN ON THE ALREADY
EXISTING FACILITIES. WHILE JAI WOULD LIKE TO RETAIN THE
PROJECT IN THIS YEAR'S REQUIREMENTS, UIA (JERUSALEM) ADVISED
THAT THE PROJECT SHOULD BE DROPPED UNTIL THE LEGAL PROBLEMS
ARE RESOLVED. IN VIEW OF THE FUND SITUATION, RECOMMEND
DELETION OF PROJECT XIII.

3. IN SUMMARY, ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS REFLECT OUR VIEW
THAT LIMITED FUNDS AVAILABLE SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR CAPITAL
INVESTMENTS, I.E. NEW CONSTRUCTION, BUT SHOULD BE OF DIRECT
AND IMMEDIATE BENEFIT TO REFUGEES. IN THE CASE OF
PROGRAMS V(A) AND X WHERE OUR RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS
ARE LARGER THAN NOMINAL, THE OPERATING AGENCIES SHOULD
CONCENTRATE ON USING ALTERNATE AVAILABLE FACILITES OR FUNDS. DALE

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